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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, an extension of time in which to respond is requested and the requisite fee accompanies this response.

Reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.